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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR

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UPDATE ON LEONA FIRE

As of 4:00 p.m. this afternoon, the containment of the Leona Fire remains at 40% with approximately 4,470 acres burned. There has been no increase in containment or acreage burned because of our intensive efforts at keeping what fire is burning within containment lines. These containment lines protect structures and high voltage power lines (which if impacted could result in limited power outages).

No injuries or any further damage to structures has been reported. One hundred homes are still evacuated, with 250 residents at the local shelter in Palmdale. We will continue to enforce the evacuation through tonight.

Currently, 1,250 firefighters are assigned to the fire, with outside assistance from many agencies. Our expectation is to keep the night shift personnel working throughout the hours of darkness and into tomorrow. We anticipate at least two more days before the fire is wrapped up.

We will continue to keep you apprised as conditions warrant.

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